FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*                      |  |  |   |          |                                      | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ] |           |              |  |      |          |  |                                   |                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| <u>LAWTON GREGORY E</u>                                       |  |  |   | 1-       |                                      |  |           |              |  |      |          |  | X                                 | Direct           | or  |  | 10% O                                | wner   |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD                   |  |  |   |          |                                      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2015          |           |              |  |      |          |  |                                   |                  | Office<br>below   | r (give title<br>)   |                                      | Other (<br>below)  | specify  |  |
| 22 W. FRUNTAGE ROAD   |  |  |   | -        |                                      |  |           |              |  |      |          |  |                                   |                  |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| -   |  |  |   |          | 4. If                                | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)             |           |              |  |      |          |  |                                   |                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)             |  |                                      |  |  |  |
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|   |  | Tab  | le I - Non  | -Deriv   | ative                                | Sec  | uritie    | es Ad        | cquired, [   | Disp | osed     | of, or Be  | enefic                            | cially           | / Owne  | d  |                                      |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |  |  |   |          | ar) E                                | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea             |           | Code (Instr. |  |      |          |  | 4 and Securit<br>Benefic<br>Owned |                  | ies Fo<br>cially (D<br>Following (I)                                    |  | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |  |
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|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |          |                                      |  |           |              |  |      |          |  |                                   |                  |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | . (   | e.g., pi | uts, (                               | calis  | , war     | rants        | s, options   | i, c | onvert   | ible sec   | uritie                            | s)<br>           |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Date,    | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Inst<br>8) |  |           |              | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      |          | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | C<br>  S<br>  (I | s. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5)                      | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly O Fo D O (I)                      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |  |  |   |          | 0.4.                                 | v  |           | (5)          | Date<br>Exercisable  |      | piration | Title  | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of          | er               |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | <u> </u>  |          | Code                                 | ٧  | (A)       | (D)          | Exercisable  | Da   | ale .    |  | Share                             | 3                |   |  | _                                    |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Awards   | (1)  | 07/01/2015                                 |   |          | Α                                    |  | 18        |              | (2)  |      | (2)      | Common<br>Stock  | 18                                |                  | \$54.11   | 5,378  |                                      | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ Stock \ Award \ represents \ the \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ issuer \ Common \ Stock.$
- 2. Stock Awards are payable in shares following separation from service.

## Remarks:

Kathleen O. Sherlock, Attorney-in-fact

07/02/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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